

HOUSE No. 1391

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act promoting workforce housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1391) of Shawn Dooley for legislation to authorize cities or towns to include workforce housing in housing production plans. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1270 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act promoting workforce housing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20 of chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “affected”, in line 25, the
3 following words:- , the need for workforce housing,.

4 SECTION 2. Section 21 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 inserting after the word “housing”, in line 2 , the following words:- or workforce housing.

6 SECTION 3. Said chapter 40B is hereby amended by inserting after section 21 the
7 following section:-

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9 Section 21A. (a) For the purposes of this chapter, “workforce housing” shall be defined
10 as subsidized housing with a household income eligibility not to exceed 150% of the median
11 household income for affordable housing eligibility, adjusted by household size, that may be
12 counted towards a city or town’s subsidized housing inventory as provided herein; provided, that
13 the workforce housing development shall be subject to all other requirements and restrictions for
14 eligibility for inclusion in the subsidized housing inventory.

15 (b) A city or town may include workforce housing in their housing production plan.
16 Workforce housing shall not account for more than 25 per cent of a city or town’s subsidized
17 housing inventory as determined by the department of housing and economic development.
18 Homes in a workforce housing development may count toward a city or town’s subsidized
19 housing inventory at a rate of .5 units per workforce housing home.